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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Nobuyuki SHIRIE

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Application No. 10/725,521

Group 2872

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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July 31, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Official Action of May 9, 2006,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing  
of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.